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KING VICTOR EMMANUEL III OF ITALY

VICTOR EMMANUEL III, the scholar and student among present-day monarchs, the sovereign of quiet family life, when the call to war sounded, became at once the first soldier among Italian soldiers, says the Milwaukee Sentinel. With a unanimity of sentiment more complete than at any time in a generation the nation rallied around the king as the bearer of the national flag. Socialists, liberals and republicans not only forgot their special doctrines and tenets, but vied with one another in becoming more loyalist than the monarchical followers themselves.

A first natural tendency was to exaggerate, with a wealth of detail more or less important, the simplicity and democratic character of the king's life at the front. A little of this, however, goes a long way and the Italian press has been prompt in putting a stop to the multiplying of little homely tales which are liable to carry with them an element of triviality.

A few letters from soldiers to their families suffice to give all the information of this kind about the king's daily life that is considered important to be known, as an instance upon them might naturally lead to the inference that in this form of existence is comprised the monarch's entire activities with the army. Such a letter is the following, from Private Francesco Menegoto, addressed to his father:

"I recently found myself near the king. In an observatory which I had helped to build. As agile as a hare, he moved around from one corner to another. I assure you that he is exceedingly brave. He ate lunch with us and divided his portion of ham and cheese with us and afterward gave us four 'Toscano' cigars and spoke with us as if he had been himself a simple soldier, asking us many questions." This private failed to note in his letter the fact that he was one of a company who had distinguished themselves by a brilliant achievement which was important in the day's military operations and that if he and his companions had been signally honored by the king, it was not because the latter singles out on occasions more or less familiarly with his privates, but as recompense and encouragement for duty well performed.

The king himself is a soldier and is consulted by General Cadorna, the chief of staff, on every movement of importance and regarding the daily line of endeavor, but he leaves to the commanders the performance of their various commands, and the stories told, in a mistaken act of exaggerated loyalty, by some correspondents regarding the actual direction of artillery fire or infantry movements by the king himself are protested against by all serious persons as defeating their purpose, besides being literally incorrect.

The press of Italy today dwells only on such incidents as may be considered symbolic, such as the event narrated in a letter by Soldier Franco Tuminelli when he wrote:

The King's Presence Cures.

"Of much influence on the minds of our soldiers is the presence of our beloved king, and in this regard I wish to tell you the incident that happened to a sergeant of artillery named Vincenzo Santra, a native of Vallelunga. This poor fellow, after fighting for a long time, was severely wounded in the arm and was found by the ambulance corps in an unconscious condition. When he recovered his senses we observed with distress that he had become dumb and that he had lost the power of speech.

"It happened that at that moment our sovereign was in the neighborhood and, learning of the sad case, he hastened with his customary paternal solicitude to the bedside of the injured man. So great was the emotion experienced by the soldier at the sight of the king that speech suddenly returned to him and he was free from the nervous crisis that had been brought on by the sudden terror he had felt on finding that he was wounded and risked falling into the hands of the enemy as a prisoner.

"The first cry that issued from his lips was, 'Long live Italy! Long live our beloved king!' The sovereign, touched by the words, patted the

soldier on the head and said: 'My brave boy, you are a true Italian.'"

Victor Emmanuel comes well by his martial qualities. Scion of the proud dynasty of Savoy and grandson of that doughty warrior, King Victor Emmanuel II, he was born in Naples on November 11, 1869, and bore the title of prince of Naples till his accession to the throne on July 29, 1900. Married in Rome on October 24, 1896, to Princess Helen of Montenegro, he became the father of four children—Princess Yolanda, born in 1901; Princess Matilda, born in 1902; Prince Humbert, heir to the throne, born on September 15, 1904, and Princess Giovanna born in 1907.

The then prince of Naples entered the Italian army in 1887 as sublieutenant; he became colonel in 1890, major general two years later, lieutenant general in 1894 and general in command of the forces at Naples in 1897.

King Victor Emmanuel is honorary doctor of laws of the universities of Oxford and Pennsylvania, honorary commander in several foreign armies, a Knight of the Garter and an authority on numismatics. A volume published by him on this subject was recently crowned by the Institute of France.

An exceptionally happy incident, which has made its due impression on a people of such artistic tastes as the Italians, was the recent discovery, or rather, rediscovery, of a war lyric by one of Italy's great poets, which is being adopted as a motto for the present struggle.

When Victor Emmanuel of Sardinia had undertaken the redemption of Italian provinces, over half a century ago, Giuseppe Carducci had composed a noble poem, with the title "The King—A National Song." By some strange fate it was neglected and then forgotten.

Its every line is today appropriate to the work of redemption of Italian provinces undertaken by Victor Emmanuel III.

War Fixes the Nation's Attention.

The king's name should not be bandied about, is the declaration of an Italian writer, made in the Tribune. The marvels of activity, of courage, of abnegation, of heroic and smiling fatherliness shown by King Victor Emmanuel says this writer, marvels constantly renewed and constantly rising to heights unattained by others, have now become like the pure air one breathes and the pure sky one contemplates for the calming of fears and the exaltation of the spirit. It is impossible to succeed in giving adequate account of them and it is dangerous to weave a crown of anecdotes.

Some might be led to form a mental picture of the king through an anecdote which should not and cannot be regarded otherwise than as a symbol.

Let us how reverently, he says: let us not try to build up images that would only be inferiorities, that would sound as profanations. Let us keep in our heart with regard to the king a religious sense, a mystic feeling.

In a correspondence from the front a noted French writer, Mr. Jean Carrière, after describing the king's life in the field, dwells upon the degree to which Victor Emmanuel has become popular with his army and his people.

Before the war, he says, Victor Emmanuel was profoundly respected by all, admired by those who had the honor to approach him, beloved by those around him, but, perhaps, in the precise and broader sense of the word, he was not absolutely popular. This, he remarks, for reasons which are profoundly to the honor of the monarch. In order to be popular in the time of peace a sovereign must have certain external forms of exuberance, a certain predilection for pomp and show and, if one may adopt a modern term, a certain capacity for "bluff." All these were repugnant to the straightforward, sincere and to some extent democratic nature of the king of Italy. He would certainly never have consented to lend himself to any of those displays and theatricalities by which certain other sovereigns loved to put themselves in evidence.

Leads the Simple, Laborious Life.

In Italy, where all are so intimately simple, where domestic life is a passion, it pleased him, the first of the nation's nobles, to lead the simple, laborious life of a great bourgeois and to give the example of the domestic virtues, and yet these qualities, however appreciable in normal times, had, so to say, the inconvenience of not being visible from near at hand and of making no sensational impression on the judgment of the crowd, which is always fond of a certain amount of the theatrical. Scarcely had the great upheaval of the war come to call forth from the depths of the popular soul all the great qualities that were there latent in its entirety and then, all of a sudden, the people remarked in their king the most vital qualities of Italy itself and recognized in him their true leader.

This king, to whom the most captious critics could only reproach a certain want of military display, at once made the finest of all displays shine around him, namely, that of courage, of royal love for the people and the army, of intrepidity in the presence of danger, of kindness for the weak of the humble. That chivalrous prestige which wars and great human crises cause to irradiate around the truly noble soul, irradiates now around Victor Emmanuel. He has proved today that the best means of being a popular king in a great country is to show that one deserves it.

Private communications are not held directly with the king, even at the front, but through the intermediary of his staff.

On certain more important occasions Count Cadorna, the generalissimo, is the medium. Then an opportunity may be accorded the public to read as interesting a letter as the following, from General Cadorna to the editor of the idea Nazionale, who had written to announce the offer of 50,000 lire (\$10,000), made by a Mr. Clerici, for distribution among the soldiers who may capture the first Austrian flag. The Italian commander wrote:

A Letter From the Chief.

"I have had Mr. Clerici's generous and patriotic offer communicated to the troops under my command. In my name and in theirs I beg you to express to the donor our gratitude for the munificent act, a new proof of the admirable rivalry throughout the country by all classes, from the most conspicuous to the most humble, in enveloping the army with a flame of affection and confidence, the army which, with Italy in its heart, offers every day with serene joy the example of the most elevated spirit of sacrifice. I am personally grateful to you for your noble and flattering sentiments and for your good wishes, which I return in the name of our brave soldiers.

"Signor Clerici could not have chosen a more worthy messenger than you, whose untiring work as a militant apostle contributed so much to hasten the hour of national awakening and vindication of rights, through which the dream, signified for our fathers, is about to be transformed, by the force of arms and of national virtues, into a radiant reality."

Probably more than any other army today the Italians are spurred on by a battle cry, the word "Savoià," Savoy. It is the dynastic name of the royal house, and in uttering it the soldier thinks of his beloved king, of Vittorio Emanuele di Casa Savoia.

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After that, of course, it was distinctly up to him.

Nothing Doing.

"Wouldn't you like to sit in a gentleman's game?" inquired a shifty-eyed casual acquaintance.

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War Hath No Fears.

"If you don't stop this business of getting arrested," remarked his honor to a trampish southern no-do-well who was in the habit of appearing before the court at least once a week, "we'll have to see if we can't send you over to Europe. They make men hostile in that section just now."

"Judge," replied the trampish person, yawning and rubbing his hand over a stubby chin, "if you had o som' of th' pies that has been handed out 't me since my bein' on 't' road you wouldn't let a leetle thing like a bustin' shell worry ya."—Case and Comment.

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